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CITY-SCHOOL FEUD FLARES ANEW

School Chief Flays Denial On Navy Site

A smouldering feud between school and city officials over a 26-acre government site on Crenshaw Blvd. north of Sepulveda Blvd. flared here again yesterday with the announcement that the Federal government had denied the bid of the school district to acquire the land on the basis that its most suitable use would be for industrial development.

City officials, who had opposed the school's bid with the contention that the property was valuable as a potential industrial site, were happy with the announcement, but were unhappy with statements issued by School Superintendent J. H. Hull.

"TORRANCE HAS many acres of undeveloped industrial land which are rapidly being converted to housing because industry doesn't seem to want it," Hull said in a letter to Franklin Floete, General Services Administration administrator. He was immediately challenged by Planning Commission President Bert Lynn, and by Planning Director George Powell.

OBVIOUSLY UPSET about the charge that industry doesn't seem to want land here, Lynn said the city's motives on industrial development has not been challenged. "We have numerous new industries in town, numerous others coming, and have had inquiries from many more," Lynn said.

HE ADDED that there was no indication that the planning commission was considering

any new rezoning of industrial land for residential use.

"It just shows what we said all along," he added. "When this first came up, Dr. Hull said if the schools could get the area, they would use it as an athletic and service area to expand Torrance High School. He had no such intentions — he planned to go on and confiscate more property and put a fifth high school next to our first high school in the old part of town."

THE PLANNING Commission President told the HERALD that the one area rezoned recently had the desired effect — holders of large industrial land tracts almost immediately began making their property available to industrial developers.

"THERE IS absolutely no consideration being given to rezoning any M-2 industrial land in the city of Torrance for residential use excepting the one parcel which a year ago was zoned for residential and commercial development at the corner of Crenshaw and Sepulveda Blvds.," Powell said.

"Within the past year, there have been more than 50 inquiries either to my office, or to Dick Fitzgerald at the Chamber of Commerce from industrial developers." (Continued on Page 2)

Schools Say New Budget's 'Skin-Tight'

A budget of \$11.6 million described by school officials as "skin tight," was approved by the Board of Education Tuesday night. The budget includes salary raises of approximately five per cent for all employees.

Formal hearings on the 1959-60 budget, but will have a 1/2 per cent reserve to take care of unexpected situations or emergencies.

INFLATION, increasing enrollment, and larger numbers of high school students were cited as main reasons for the increase this year.

Minimum teacher's salaries were hiked from \$4740 to \$5000, while maximums were moved from \$8203 to \$8723. Non-teaching employees will receive raises approximating five per cent.

"IF WE ARE to hire and keep good teachers and other employees, we must raise salaries," declares Superintendent J. H. Hull. "Most neighboring districts have raised

salaries. Federal, state, and city employees also recently received salary increases. If we are to avoid being forced to take the employees no one else wants, we too must raise salaries."

The salary raise was considered important enough to cut reserves sharply. Personnel Director Robert Morton reported that the district must hire 60 teachers to complete school rosters before September and that without the raise, it was a little hard to get those best qualified.

THE BUDGET anticipates collection of a 10-cent community service tax, legally authorized, but never before collected by the local school district. The only other factor affecting the present school tax rate would be changes in the building bond rates set by the County Board of Supervisors. Last year's tax rate was \$3.49 per \$100 assessed valuation.

The budget earmarks \$5 (Continued on Page 2)



CONGRESSMAN GREETED... Flowered shirts were the garb of the evening for Californians as they turned out to greet Rep. Daniel K. Inouye of Hawaii (center), who spoke here Monday evening. Chatting with the Congressman prior to the dinner meeting at the Polynesian are Councilman Willys G. Blount, left, and R. S. "Dick" Pyle, who was installed as president of the Chamber of Commerce at the meeting. (Herald Photo)

Island Congressman Warns of Red China

The growing menace of Red China will be emphasized even more within the next 12 months when that country detonates its first "atomic device," Congressman Daniel K. Inouye of Hawaii told a group here Monday night.

Basing his remarks on reports of U.S. Intelligence experts, the Hawaiian Congressman stressed the insidious dangers of Red China, stating that its Army was bigger than that of the United States, Britain, and France combined; that it had the world's third largest air force; and that in 10 years, it will have the world's largest industrial force.

ASKED LATER by newsmen if the "atomic device" which U.S. experts expect Red China to explode would be furnished by Russians, Rep. Inouye shrugged.

"I can't say, but I think you can draw your own conclusions," he replied.

SPEAKING about the nation's 50th state, Rep. Inouye, the first of Japanese ancestry to be seated in Congress, commented that the people of Hawaii was the new state's

strong point, over and above the highly praised scenery of the island paradise.

"You didn't do wrong when you admitted us to the union," he said.

HAWAII IS now No. 10 among the states in per capita taxes paid to the United States, has more autos per capita than Los Angeles, and has more television sets per capita than Los Angeles, he added.

Rep. Inouye, here to attend the Democratic Convention last week as a delegate from the 50th state, spoke to a combined meeting of the Chamber of Commerce and the Executive Dinner Club at the Polynesian.

THE MILITARY history of Hawaii is short, he said, but added that figures for World War II revealed that Hawaii had "the highest casualty rate" (Continued on Page 2)

Service Station Stamp War Grows

Efforts of service station operators in the Torrance-Long Beach area to rid themselves of trading stamps continued this week as the operators met at the Petroleum Club in Long Beach. The operators voted 100 per cent approval for plans put forth by members to abolish the practice of giving the stamps.

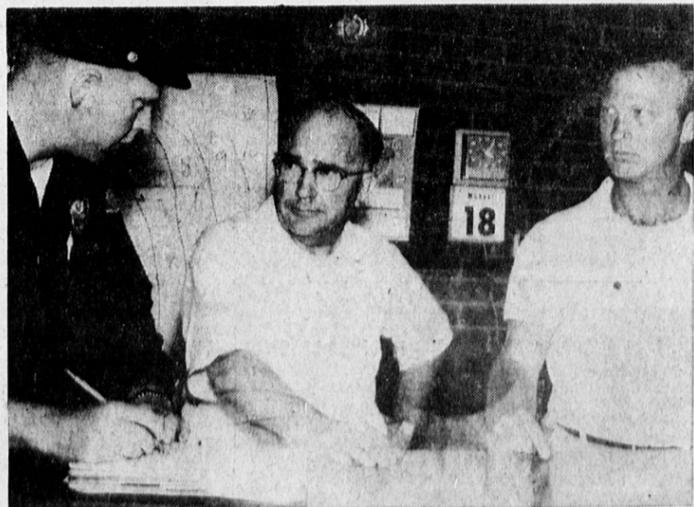
A six-man contingent was sent to see Atty. Gen. Mosk. They asked Mosk for strict enforcement of the state law requiring operators to post the value of the stamps on the pumps. The operators maintain that customers will be paying for the stamps if the oral interpretation of the recent law is enforced.

MORE than 250 stations in the area have taken in their signs and served notice to their customers that they will no longer receive the stamps. The dealers contend that the stamps are forcing small stations out of business.

One Torrance dealer reported that he pays \$11.50 for the same number of stamps that markets buy for \$8.50. Other dealers described the stamp plan as a "Frankenstein monster" that has brought economic ruin because dealers can not raise prices to cover the stamps.

LOCAL operators report that their cost for the stamps is from \$300 to \$600 per month. They say that this money would otherwise be profit.

All but a few stations in the downtown Torrance area have taken in their signs and posted notices in their stations. A few stations, however, continue to give the stamps. Some dealers contend that they were forced to give the stamps in order to compete with stations in the area. One dealer, who still has his signs up, retorted that he wished to run his own business.



HOLDUP VICTIMS... Torrance police officer, Doug Nice, interrogates Al Johnson and Wendel Meyer, office workers at Higgins Brick & Tile Co., 2217-174th St., after they were held up and robbed of \$516 last Monday at 3:35 p.m. Brandishing an automatic and with their faces covered, the bandits were said to be teen-agers. (Herald Photo)

Ranchero Days Program

Carnival booths at the Ranchero Days midway were opened yesterday afternoon and will continue to be open for the remainder of the weekend.

Times for openings are as follows: Thurs. and Fri., open at 5 p.m.; Sat., 12 noon; and Sun. at 1 p.m.

The Rodeo, to be held Sat. and Sun. afternoons, July 30 and 31, will start at 2:30 p.m.

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Double Amputee Facing Loss Of Home as Checks Go Astray

By BOB WILTON
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All hell broke loose in the Ruhr Valley in 1945. Shrapnel from a bursting 88 shell made a double amputee out of Frank Kelley. He has never complained about his loss—a lot of his buddies never returned from that battle. Hospitals are an old story to Frank. He spent a year in one after he was evacuated out of Central Germany and has averaged a trip back into one every four months since. His latest confinement was due to a heart attack a year ago and although an out-patient at the Veterans Hospital in Long Beach, he has had to return many times for further examinations.

KELLEY, who lives with his wife, Gretha, a native of Copenhagen, Denmark; and his two-year-old daughter, Starleen, at 1549 W. 224th St., is faced with a new problem that affects the very survival of his family. He has not received

his disability check for three months.

These checks amount to \$374.63 per month. Maybe not much money to raise a family on, but a lot when it is counted on to pay rent, and bills and buy food with.

Every agency connected with, or interested in, matters concerning disability pay for veterans has been contacted by the Kelleys, and still the mailman continues to pass up their little house on 224th Street. This has become a discouraging situation, especially with no milk for little Starleen's cereal.

KELLEY KNOWS the difficulty that has held up, or caused his checks to be sent to a wrong address, will eventually be straightened out and he will again be able to pay his bills and provide for his family. He has told the finance company that is threatening to repossess his furniture, that he will make his payments as soon as he can. He hopes they will give him a little more time.

AFTER KELLEY was discharged from the Army's 78th Division, 310th Infantry, he studied bookkeeping under the G. I. Bill of Rights. Until his heart condition made it impossible for him to work he was able to supplement his disability checks through a job he held in the accounting department at Disneyland.

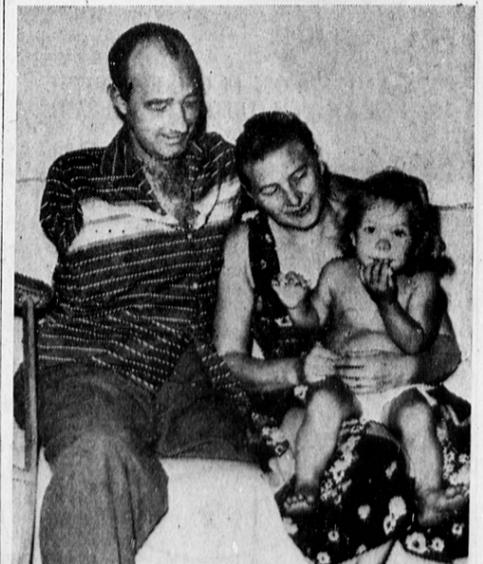
Now that he is unable to work, and his wife can not work because his critical health condition demands that she be at home to take care of him, Kelley is wholly de-

pendent on his government checks.

"WHEN YOU CAME to the door," Mrs. Kelley told the HERALD reporter as he was leaving their home Tuesday, "I thought you were the man coming to take our furniture away."

Could the man who would repossess the Kelley's furniture carry out his lamps, chairs, davenport and refrigerator if he was an amputee?

This family needs help. They do not seek charity, but financial assistance now when they need it.



STILL WAITING... Frank, Gretha and Starleen Kelley are pictured in their home at 1549 W. 224th St., where they patiently wait for total disability check that has not arrived for three months. Heart attack makes it impossible for double amputee World War II veteran to work, and family, without money to buy food, faces eviction and repossession of furniture. (Herald Photo)

A Penny for your Thoughts

Civil defense still seems to be a forgotten activity. What would you suggest is needed to awaken the public to an awareness of the need for a strong "civil defense program?"

Shirley Powers, 18109 Wall St., Gardena, high school student: "I don't think it will just be the armed forces fighting, but civilians too, and I don't think people will wake up to the fact until it is right on top of us so I don't feel there is much we could do. Perhaps if some high authority such as the government would pass a law that every family had to have certain precautions they might do something, otherwise they just go on their merry way."

Mrs. Jeannette Allison, 1018 King Ave., Wilmington, housewife: "I really don't know, but we definitely need something for it is a possibility that we will need it. Even with the 15 minute warning we're supposed to have, we don't have any place to go. We'd almost need bomb shelters for every family and that would be too expensive so we'd need help from somewhere."

Gale Maddock, 21310 South Benker, maintenance mechanic: "I think we should have louder warning sirens, half the time we don't hear them and they could sound more often. People don't pay enough attention to the drills we do have. They could continue to have the drills in school, making the children more aware of civil defense, and they in turn would make the parents realize the importance of it."

Mrs. Paula Dragovich, 21835 Kinard Ave., housewife and college student: "I think they should do more advertising in papers, on radio and TV. If you don't hear about a subject, you don't give it much thought, so it would be a good idea to keep reminding us."

Steven Bottroff, 1601 West 25th Street, freshman at Lynwood Academy: "I have a grand telling me what to do in case of an enemy attack and I think if they had those printed and distributed it would be a good idea. Also they should advertise more on the radio and TV. Maybe they could have the firemen go from house to house and check the preparedness of the occupants, and families could practice drills in their homes themselves."

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